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Ἂν ἡ φρονῆς τὰ παίζα γ' ευθαίμων ἔση,
Τὸ μηδὲν ἀκῆ παυλαχῆ τι χρήσιμον.
Ex Menandri *fragmentis.*

"THERE are some Affairs (saith *Seneca*) which a Man may leave unperfect; othersome, which it is impossible to see the End of, because one begetteth another, and as the Waves follow one another, so the Difficulties appear tied to one another."—There is nothing more easy than to stir Confusions under a fair Pretence, to shake that which standeth firm, and to disturb a settled Estate: But to clear the troubled Water, to settle a Building that shaketh *(hic Labor, hoc Opus est)* is the Part of cunning Men, and not for every one to do. Whereof it cometh, that rash and inconsiderate Counsels endanger and bring into great Confusion, as well the Inventors as the Executors.

We have a strange Example hereof before the fatal Overthrow of that noble General *Hannibal*, (tho' by some accounted fabulous.) As *Hannibal* sat in his Tent, in deep Council with the other military Officers, there entred to him an old Man, having his hoary Locks carelessly hanging over his Shoulders, the Fore-part of his Head bald, and the Whole uncovered: His Habit was a blue Gown girt unto him with a linnen Girdle; with a venerable, austere Countenance: Who with a rustical Plainness approaches towards the General, fixing his Eyes on the Ground, leans on his Chair, and continues silent. Whereupon *Hannibal* pale with Surprize, starts up, and in great Disorder, (says) What wouldest thou? at the same Instant aiming to seize on him. The old Man seeming to deride his rash Attempt, by darting forth a Frown, tempered with a scornful Smile, cries out in the *Roman* Tongue, O *Hannibal*, *Festina lentè*; and immediately shaking his Head, to his great Surprize, disappeared. But this great Man listning to the unhappy Counsels of his Friends, engaged *Scipio*, and with the Loss of a numerous Army, receiv'd a total Overthrow on the following Day.

The Danger of such rash Enterprizes is no less recorded by *Lucian*, where he represents *Eucrates* thus relating an Accident that befel him in *Egypt*.

" When I arrived in *Egypt* (says he) I contracted a familiar Acquaintance with a Magician, who performed several strange Exploits. Among others, when we came into any Lodging, he would take the Bar of the Door, or a Broom, a Log, or whatever he first laid Hands on, which having cover'd with an old ragged Cloth, and in private repeated a few Words, he would make it to go and act, and seem actually a Man to all that saw it. Having given it Directions, he would send it to draw Water, make ready our Meat, set it on the Table, serve us, and with Dexterity do any Thing we bid him. When all was done, *Pancrates* (for so was the Magician called) would turn it into its former Shape again. I often importuned him to lead me into his Mystery; but he continued inflexible, and persisted in a Denial: But my Curiosity made me watch all Opportunities of discovering this weighty Secret. To which End having informed *Pancrates*, some urgent Business would make me absent from Dinner the next Day, I secretly conveyed myself behind the Hangings. The Magician thinking himself in private, uttered the Charm loud enough for me to hear; and as it consisted but of three Syllables, I kept it in my Memory, till I quitted my Station, and then committed it to my Pocket-Book. Two Days having now passed away, an Opportunity happened which I eagerly embraced. *Pancrates* was gone out, and I left alone at my Lodging: When immediately I took the Log, cloathed it as he used to do, pull'd out my Pocket Book, pronounced the Charm, and bid him " fetch Water. The Log which now resembled a real " Man, obeyed me, and fetch'd presently a Pail-full; I " said unto him, it is enough, return to thy former Being. " But he still continued drawing and bringing, till he had " fill'd the House with Water. When I saw I could not " stop him, and was very much afraid of *Pancrates*'s " Anger, who I knew would make a great Stir when he " came home, I took an Axe, and having bestowed a " Curse or two upon him, I fairly cleaved him asunder; " of which each taking a Pail, drew on: So, in short, of " one Servant I made two; when luckily *Pancrates* " came, and finding what I had been at, set all to Rights " again, and conveyed himself away from me, since " which Time I have never seen him."

This is *Lucian*'s Fable; who under such Inventions displays the Folly of arrogant Men, who enter into such Labyrinths as they cannot get out of them again, as a Warning to deter others from entring into any Undertaking, without wisely considering what may be the Event, or what Miseries may attend them.—— *P. B.*

To the AUTHOR *of the* WEEKLY REGISTER: *Or*, UNIVERSAL JOURNAL.

SIR,

I Am one of his Majesty's Justices of Peace for the County of *Middlesex*; I am now grown venerable for my old Age, having something overtopp'd Fourscore I must confess my Temper is really somewhat morose, which is excusable in my Years. Since my Locks began to be silver'd over, I have entertained the greatest Aversion to Blunders of all Sorts, but especially wilful ones; and sure no one Mortal living on the Face of God's Earth, hath been more plagued with them than I have been.——About a Twelve-month ago, a Fellow was brought before me, who the Plaintiff swore had robb'd his Garden; the Defendant argued not guilty, and that he never had robb'd a Garden in his Life: the Dispute lasted a long while; at last I was desired to ask what Garden the Plaintiff had; he answer'd me he had never a one, but it was an Orchard that the Prisoner had robb'd; why, says I, you swore point blank it was a Garden! I ask your Worship's Pardon (says he) it was really a Mistake. Then I questioned him how he knew the Prisoner to be the Person that robb'd his Orchard; *Sir*, says he, I came upon him in my Orchard, and in his Hurry, his Wig blew off, and then I took particular Notice of his Face.—— An't please your Worship (replies the Prisoner) I wear my own Hair.—— I ask your Worship an hundred Pardons (answers the Plaintiff) I have mistook the Man's; really his Hair very much resembles the Perriwig; and so I dismiss'd them. My Dinner had all this while stayed for me, and was Part quite cold, and Part very much over-done; I sat me down, you may be sure, not a little out of Humour. *John* (says I) what's a'Clock? Immediately *John* fills me out a Glass of Wine; I had spent too much of my Breath before to reprimand him for it, so only bade him set it down again.——I then ask'd my Spouse to carve the Merry-thought for me; I did but just turn my Head to look behind me, and then looking on my Plate found a Wing upon it.——Humph (quoth I) this is a wilful one!——I kept my Temper as well as I could, and having dined took a Nap in my Elbow Chair, but was waked out of it by *John*, who told me Mr. *Druggist* was below —— Below, said I, very hastily, did not I send you this Morning to invite him hither to Morrow in the Afternoon? Indeed (says *John*) I understood you this Afternoon, and so invited him.—— Blockhead, Fool, Fool! (quoth I,) well, conduct him up Stairs; when he came we seriously sat down together, and smoked a Pipe or two. I enquired what was the best News; then told him fairly all the Blunders I have here recited, and what an Aversion I had towards them; upon which he entertained me with a Relation of a Blunder that had happened to him, which for the Simplicity of it I thought the pleasantest I ever heard in my Life; in short, this put me into a good Humour again, and when my Companion was gone, I call'd my Son *Jacky*, and bid him to translate it me into *English* Verse, a Copy of which I shall here present you with.

A Tradesman, upon this Intent
A Porter to a Painter sent;
To wit —— His Worship did injoin
He'd come forthwith to paint a Sign.
The Painter much obsequious went;
The Tradesman told him his Intent.
I'd have you paint (quoth he) a Sign,
I'll spare no Cost, to make it fine.
What it should be I'm at a Loss!
But what d' you say? suppose a Cross.
Cross? quoth the Painter —— that will show
Main fine —— a great one, *Sir*, I trow.
The greatest you can paint, reply'd
His Worship —— for I take great Pride
T' excel, my Neighbours all I can.
So make it fine I fly again ——
Sir, says the Painter, I'll obey
Your Orders, and so went away.
But here, I'll tell you, by the by,
The Painter whom we here employ,
Had got (as a spread Rumour teaches)
A Wife at home that wore the Breeches.
A scolding Quean, that ne'er poffer'd,
Nor suffer'd him a Minute's Rest.
Now home *Pill Garlick* came, her Tongue
As usual first began ding, dong.
But patiently he sits him down,
Whilst she, who swears to break his Crown,
Raves on, —— then tir'd sat mute, when he
Broke Silence thus submissively:
My Dear, a Cit did me injoin,
From your dear Face to paint a Sign.
My Face! quoth she, and furious then,
Moves her Click Clack apace again.
But after many an Argument,
My surly Lady gives Consent.
'Tis done —— he to the Tradesman goes ——
I've done, *Sir*, what you did propose.——
Lord! cries the Cit, the Painter's mad;
I said a Cross, and not a Head.
A Cross I own (says he) you said,
The greatest too that could be made!
'Tis here; —— for, *Sir*, upon my Life,
I know no greater than my Wife.

For all my Aversion to Blunders, this pleased me exceedingly; however being so much plagued with the contrary ones, I have appointed to meet five more of my worshipful Brethren, to do our Endeavour towards the obtaining an Act of Parliament to allot Punishments for such Offences. I have divided them into three Branches.—Wilful, Careless, and Simple.—For the first, I'd have Transportation, for the next, Whipping; and for the last, only the Correction of the Tongue.—Now, Mr. *Register*, if you will be pleased to publish this in your Journal, perhaps you may win some more of my Brethren over to my Opinion, and will very much oblige,

Sir, Your right worshipful humble Servant,
Sir TIMOTHY FRACTIOUS.

Dexterity of an Ape.

THE *Apes* are so dexterous and careful, that they know how to receive with their Hands an Arrow shot at them, as it were at the Point of entring the Heart. They are not so cunning how to avoid the Ball of a Gun. Is a *Sea-Cat*, or *Ape*, shot either with Ball or Arrow, that he falls dead, or maimed to the Ground from [illegible] and is taken away, there arises such a boisterous [illegible] amongst his Companions in the Trees as if a [illegible] Lyons were at hand: As they get upon the Tr[illegible]

fill their Jaws with Stones, and even carry some large ones in their Paws, which, when shot at, they throw down upon their Enemy so copiously, as if it were a Shower of Stones pouring down from the Firmament

Their Cunning appears frequently; and it may be easily discerned that they are always vigilant for the Preservation of their Lives. A Huntsman designing to shoot at an old *Sea-Cat*, or one that was big with Young, directed his Bow streight against her, she put herself in a Posture as tho' she was resolv'd to stand the Blow; but no sooner perceived that the Marksman shut one of his Eyes to aim at her, but she cast a huge Stone in his Face, which beat some Teeth out of his Mouth; but it availed her not much; for while the Stone hit the Archer, the Arrow pierced the *Ape*'s Heart.

Peter Martyne relates, that the *Spaniards* found an *Ape* that was much larger, and had also a longer Tail than others of that Kind they ever saw before, which he flung round the Branches of a Tree three or four Times, as it seem'd, to try his Strength; and thus get from one Branch to another, at a very great Distance. He was at length shot at with an Arrow, and so wounded that he was forced to quit his Hold; but jumping down upon the Man that shot him, attack'd him with so much Fury and Intrepidity, that had he not been provided with a Hanger, wherewith he cut off one of his Paws, he would have come off but sadly; for notwithstanding the *Ape* was wounded, he struggled and defended himself so well, that that Man was not able to master him alone, till being assisted by others he got the better of him, and took him; when after some Time he became tame on board the Ship he was brought in over to *Europe*, and was allowed to have been the largest and strongest *Ape* that ever was seen or heard of in any Part of the World; like as a Man of between eight and nine Feet is amongst the common Size of Mankind.

SATURDAY, *November* 11.

ON Wednesday last a Boy got upon the Arm of the Mill at Mr. *Fidel*'s Brew-house in *Liquor-Pond-street*, to ride round, and in his coming off was so crush'd, that he died a few Hours after.

Yesterday *John Thomas*, Boatswain of the *James* and *Mary*, lying at *Deptford*, being rigging the said Ship, had the Misfortune to fall from the Round Top, and broke his Right Arm and Leg: He was immediately taken on Shore, and Surgeons were sent for, who think he cannot live.

The Convocations of *Canterbury* and *York*, which were prorogued to the 18th of last Month, are farther prorogued to the 9th Day of *January* next.

Robberies. Yesterday about Seven o'Clock, two Gentlemen coming from *Hackney*, were attacked by two Foot-pads, who demanded their Money and Watches: The Gentlemen being pretty much in Liquor, did not immediately deliver; upon which the Rogues drew out two Case-knives, and swore that they would cut their Throats: so they gave them their Money, which was 30s. in Silver, and two Guineas in Gold, and one Watch ——On Thursday Night Justice *Cross* had his Sword stolen from his Side, as he was attending a Funeral at *Aldgate* Church.

Marriage. Last Thursday was married at St. *Paul*'s Cathedral Mr. *John Tuff*, an eminent Grocer in *Bishopsgate-street*, to Miss *Allen*, a *Kentish* young Lady, with a Fortune of 5000l.

MONDAY, *November* 13.

On Saturday last the Duke of *Bolton*'s *Fearnought* run against Mr. *Panton*'s *Mouse*, at *Newmarket*, one Mile for 500 Guineas, which was won by the former by about six Lengths.

Last Thursday Mr. *Henry Simmons* (aged about 60 Years) an eminent Farmer in the Parish of *Stoke*, next *Guildford*, was found dead, hanging in one of his own Barns.

On Saturday last was exposed to Sale in the *Exchequer*-Court, *Westminster*, the Ship *William* and *Mary*, Capt. *Jacob*, being lately condemn'd for Smuggling, and was sold for 150l.

On Friday last a Cause came on in the Court of *Exchequer*, before the Lord Chief Baron *Reynolds* and the rest of the Barons of his Majesty's Court of *Exchequer*, between *Jacob Lopes Henriques* of *Philpot-Lane*, Plaintiff, and Mr. *Jacob Nunes Henriques*, Executor of Mr. *Isaac Nunes Henriques*, Defendant, for a Promissory Note given by the Testator to the Plaintiff in the Year 1710, for 50,000 Florins, being about 5000l. Sterling; and after a Trial which lasted near twelve Hours, a Verdict was given for the Defendant.

Robberies. On Friday last the *Litchfield* Stage-Coach was robbed by a single Highwayman near *Dunstable*, who took from the Passengers betwixt forty and fifty Shillings, and a Pair of Silver Buckles out of one of the Gentlemens Shoes.——On Saturday last between Five and Six o'Clock in the Evening, the *Newington* Stage-Coach was robbed by a single Highwayman, who took from the Passengers upwards of 30l. notwithstanding several Persons were walking on the Causey.

Commitments. A Woman to *Newgate*, for stealing two Short-Cloaks out of a Shop in *Fleet Lane*.——Another Woman to the same Goal, for stealing out of a Shop on *Ludgate-Hill* a black Velvet Manteler

Preferment. The Rev. Mr. *Ekins*, of *Barton* in *Northamptonshire*, is presented to the Rectory of *Quainton* in the County of *Bucks*.

Marriage. Last Saturday *Jonathan Shark*, Esq; was married to Miss *Martha Salesbury*, a young Lady of 12,000l. Fortune.

Deaths. On Saturday last died, at his House in *Scotland Yard*, *Whitehall*, *Middleton Walker*, Esq; an eminent Man-Midwife.——A few Days since died, at his Seat called the *Priory* in *Herefordshire*, *Richard Wellington*, Esq;——The Rev. Dr. *Wake*, Prebendary of *Canterbury*, died lately in that City ——On Friday last died, at her House near *Grosvenor-Square*, the Right Hon. *Henrietta*, Countess Dowager of *Strafford*.——The same Day died, at his House in *Tavistock street*, —— *Hanson*, Esq;

Bankrupts. Richard Jackson, of Green-Lettice-Lane, London, Tea-Merchant ——*William Bolton*, late of the Parish of *Whitechapel* in the County of *Middlesex*, Baker. —— *Anthony Westoby*, of *Brigg* in the County of *Lincoln*, Woolen-draper.——*Peter Lortie*, alias *Nettle*, Jun. late of *Spittle-Fields* in the County of *Middlesex*, Weaver.—*John Robinson*, of *Southwark* in the County of *Surrey*, Lighterman and Dealer in Coals.

TUESDAY, *November* 14.

Letters from *Jamaica* of the 12th of *August* advise, that the Market for Negroes (of whom a great Number arriv'd there) is at a Stand in the Island, by Reason of the Trade being stopt at the *Havanna*, and other Places on the Main, by the *Spanish* Governors, on Account of the *Deal-Castle* Man of War's taking a *Spanish* Register-Ship as a Reprisal for the *Weathall* lately mentioned. This will prove of great Detriment to some Merchants in *Bristol*, and others at *Jamaica*, to whom their Cargoes of Negroes are consign'd, knowing not which Way to dispose of them.

Yesterday a Helper in his Majesty's Stables, eat, for a considerable Wager, six Pounds of Beef, a Quartern Loaf, and drank two Gallons of Beer, in less than half an Hour, at the *Two Brewers* the Corner of *Suffolk-street*, *Charing-Cross*; and after that, compleated his Dinner with a large Cut of Roast Pork.

The same Day a Child belonging to a Weaver in *Blackmore-street*, *Southwark*, was run over by a loaded Cart, and killed on the Spot.

We hear from *Greenwich*, that one Night last Week the Watch having stopped two Men carrying off some Lead stolen from the House late Mr. *Murray*'s in that Town, a very sharp Encounter ensued, and one of the Watchmen had the Misfortune to receive a Stab with a Knife, of which he is since dead, but the Villains both got away undiscover'd.

On Thursday last a General Court of the Mine Adventurers of *England* was held at their Office in *Winchester-street*, when the following Gentlemen were chosen Governor, Deputy-Governor, and Directors, *viz.* Sir *Thomas Mackworth*, Bart. Governor. *Edward Harrison*, Esq; Deputy-Governor. *Francis Bateler*, Esq; Mr. *Richard Chauncy*, Sen. Mr. Deputy *Child*, *Henry Cooley*, Esq; *Seth Grosvenor*, Esq; Mr. *Henry Hines*, *Thomas Inwood*, Esq; *William Nicholas*, Esq; *Walter Pryse*, Esq; *Andrew Robinson*, Esq; Mr. *John Sadleir*, and *Charles Waller*, Esq; Directors.

Robberies. Yesterday Morning between Eight and Nine o'Clock, Capt. *Windmill* was robbed in his Chariot, by a single Highwayman on *Stamford-Hill*, as he was coming to *London*, who took from him a Gold Watch, his Rings, and Money. The Robbery was committed in Sight of several Persons, who took the Highwayman to be his Acquaintance; so that he rode off thro' the Turnpike unmolested. The same Highwayman had but a little before robbed the *Tottenham* Stage-Coach coming to Town, and taken from one of the Passengers upwards of 40l.—— Last Saturday in the Afternoon a Countryman coming to Town from *Essex*, was robbed of a Bundle of Cloaths, Value 6l. at *Whitechapel*, by a Person in a Livery, under a Pretence of helping him to Business; the Sharper sending the Countryman to *Whitechapel Market* for Beef-Steaks, in the mean while carried off the Bundle of Cloaths.

Preferments. The Rev. Mr. *Manlove*, Vicar of *Stallingborough* in the Diocese of *Lincoln*, is presented to the Vicarage of *Hertford*, void by the Death of the Rev. Mr. *Matteeau*. ——*William Le Merchant*, of the *Inner-Temple*, Esq; is chosen Recorder of *Abingdon*, in the County of *Berks*.

Deaths. On Saturday last died, at his House on *Snow-Hill*, Mr. *Phillip Leman*, Apothecary and Chymist, a Gentleman much valued for his great Skill in his Profession ——Col. *Fowle*, Father to *John Fowle*, Esq; one of the Commissioners of the Excise, died a few Days ago at his Country Seat.

WEDNESDAY, *November* 15.

Yesterday was held a Court of Aldermen at *Guildhall*, at which the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor assisted for the first Time in that high Dignity; and afterwards gave an elegant Entertainment to the Aldermen, Sheriffs, &c.

The same Day a Boat coming from *Gravesend* to *London*, was unfortunately overset in *Long Reach*; four Passengers were drowned, but one of the Watermen, and another Person, saved themselves by swimming on shore with much Difficulty.

His Grace the Archbishop of *Canterbury* lies very much indispos'd, at his Palace at *Lambeth*, and is attended there by Dr. *Mead*, and several other Physicians.

Last Monday Night Mr. *Perkins*, who keeps the *Amsterdam* Coffee-house near the *Royal Exchange*, crossing *Cornhill*, a Coach drove against him and threw him down, whilst another run over him and bruis'd him in a very terrible Manner.

Yesterday a Man was unfortunately killed by a Cart loaded with Coals running over him near *Kensington*.

On Monday last his Majesty's Ship the *Dragon*, a fourth Rate of 50 Guns, was brought round from *Chatham* to *Woolwich*, where she is to be rebuilt, being unfit for Service.

Commitment. Two Men to the *Gatehouse*, *Westminster*, for stealing a large Quantity of Lead from two Houses in *Great Pulteney-street*, St. *James*'s.

Preferments. The Rev. Mr. *Thomas Brooks*, M. A. was lately presented by the Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor, to the Rectory of *Winslow*, in the County of *Kent* and Diocese of *Rochester*, void by the Resignation of the last Incumbent.——The Rev. Dr. *Sharp*, Archdeacon of *Northumberland*, and Vicar of *Rothbury*, is appointed one of the Prebends of *Durham*, in the room of the Rev. Mr. *Sayer*, who has resign'd.

Marriages. A few Days since Mr. *Taylor*, an eminent Apothecary in *Leadenhall street*, was married to Mrs. *Pool* of *Friday-street*, a Widow Gentlewoman of 6000l. Fortune.——We hear from *Edinburgh*, that Sir *Andrew Lauder*, of *Fountain-Hall*, was lately married to Miss *Dick*, Heiress of *Grange*.

Bankrupts. John Walden the Elder, late of the City of *Worcester*, Soap-boiler and Tallow-chandler.——*William Bell*, late of *Wormwood-street*, *London*, Broker.

THURSDAY, *November* 16.

We hear that the Executors or Trustees of the Lord *Thanet* have paid 500l. as a charitable Donation out of the late Lord's Estate to the Treasurer of St. *Bartholomew*'s *Hospital*, for the Use of the Poor of that House.

Yesterday came on a Cause at the *King*'s-*Bench* Bar, *Westminster*, before the Lord Chief Justice *Raymond*, between our Sovereign Lord the King Plaintiff, and *William Rayner* Defendant, before a special Jury, on an Indictment found by the Grand Jury for the County of *Middlesex*, on Wednesday the 7th Day of *July* 1732, for printing and publishing *Robin*'s *Reign, or Seven's the Main*, being an Explanation of *Caleb D'Anvers*'s *Seven Ægyptian Hieroglyphicks* prefixed to the seven Volumes of the *Craftsman*, with Remarks thereon; being a scandalous and seditious Libel, reflecting on the Right Hon. Sir *Robert Walpole*, Knight of the Garter, Chancellor of the *Exchequer*, first Lord of the Treasury, and one of his Majesty's Privy Council, *&c.* and after a Trial, which lasted about four Hours, the Jury went out, and returned in about a Quarter of an Hour, and brought him in *Guilty* of the Indictment as to publishing, but not of the printing, it being printed within the City of *London*: And he is to receive Judgment the last Day of Term.

They write from *Leominster* in *Herefordshire*, that on the 25th past Sir *Michael Newton*, Knight of the *Bath*, gave a splendid Entertainment there, *viz.* Thirty Dozen of Wine, Ten Hogsheads of Cyder, an Ox roasted whole in the Street, and 20s. to every Publick House in Town, for Joy of his new-born Son, Heir to *Hampton Court*, the Seat and Estate late of Earl *Coningsby*, deceased.

And from *Kingsclear* in *Berkshire*, that a Fire broke out some Days ago at the *Anchor Barn* there, which being full of Wheat and Barley, was consumed, with all the Corn: as was also a Hay Tallet full of Wheat, and three Stables; they got the Horses out of them with much

Difficulty, but the Harneſs for a whole Team was burnt, the Damage is computed at 160l. They had the like Misfortune in that Town laſt Summer, the Fire breaking out in two Places at once, which made People believe ſome Incendiaries were at Work, ſo that the Inhabitants were afraid of being burnt in their Beds.

On Saturday laſt a Boy croſſing the Road on *Finchley-Common*, was rode over by a Gentleman galloping full Speed, and killed upon the Spot. It is not known who the Perſon is that was ſo unhappily acceſſary to his Death.

His Grace the Duke of *Bedford* having cauſed a Turnpike upon his Rents in *Red-Lion ſtreet* to be taken down, there have been Bonfires and other Rejoicings made by the Inhabitants on that Occaſion.

We hear from *Newcaſtle upon Tyne*, that on the 9th Inſtant a Smith's Wife in the Cloſe moſt inhumanly murder'd her own Son, about three Years old, and has been ſince committed to the Goal in that Town.

Yeſterday came on the Election of a Committee of Managers and Treaſurer of the Water-Works at *London-Bridge* for the Year enſuing, when the following Gentlemen were choſen, *viz.*

Committee of Managers,

Mr. Joſeph Beaſlew	Mr. George Monke
Mr. John Bodſcote	Mr. John Anth. Merle
Mr. Robert Evans	Mr. Ward Smith
Sir Bibye Lake, Bart.	And
Mr. Samuel Leſingham	Mr. Thomas Strode

Mr. Thomas Greene, Treaſurer.

Robberies. On Sunday laſt about Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, two Men, one on Horſeback and the other on Foot, went into a Servant's Houſe belonging to Mr. *Chalkhill*, an eminent Farmer in *Tooting-Lane* in *Surrey*, and notwithſtanding he was preſent, they broke open his Trunk, and robbed him of 31. 11 s. and afterwards robbed a Gentleman's Servant and a Boy of 17 d. who ran to *Tooting*, and rais'd the Town, who inſtantly armed themſelves with Guns, Staves, *&c.* but thought it convenient to wait in the Town for their Return, which the Rogues did not think fit to do at that Time.——On Tueſday about Three o'Clock in the Afternoon a Gentleman was robbed in his Chariot, of a Gold Watch and Money, between *Kingsland* Turnpike and the *Ironmonger's-Hoſpital*, ſuppoſed by the ſame Highwayman who robbed Capt. *Windmill*——On Monday Night laſt a Man was robbed in *Moorfields*, by two Foot-pads.

Death. On Saturday laſt died, at her Houſe at *Iſleworth*, Mrs. *James*, a Widow Lady, who had been three Times married: She left the Groſs of her Eſtate, being 90,000l. to Mrs. *Aſh*, a Widow Gentlewoman, Siſter to her laſt Husband; 4000l. to her Niece who liv'd with her, and her great Houſe in *Duke-ſtreet*, *Weſtminſter*, to her Nephew.

FRIDAY, *November* 17.

Tomorrow Se'nnight their Majeſties, and the reſt of the Royal Family, will remove from *Richmond* to St. *James's* for the Winter Seaſon, the Lord Chamberlain having giving the neceſſary Directions to fit up that Palace againſt the ſaid Day.

The Right Hon. Sir *Robert Walpole* comes to Town on Tueſday Se'nnight next, from his Seat at *Houghton* in *Norfolk*.

Next Week will be paid at the Pay-Office at the Horſe-Guards, the Ten Years Arrears due to the Gentlemen of the four Troops of Horſe-Guards.

Yeſterday Morning a worthy Perſon unknown ſent to the Treaſurer of *Chriſt's-Hoſpital*, the Sum of 100 l. for the Benefit of that Charity.

The ſame Day ſeveral Priſoners were brought up to the Court of *Common-Pleas*, *Weſtminſter*, who were confined in the *Fleet* Priſon for Debt, and were diſcharged on delivering up their All, purſuant to the late Act of Parliament.

On Wedneſday in the Afternoon, while Prayers were reading at St. *Botolph's Aldersgate*, ſome Sharper of the Town took a Clergyman's new Bever Hat off of the Pin, and went off with it. We hear that others have been ſerved ſo, and are therefore willing to give the Publick this Caution.

We hear that the late Duke of *Bedford* hath left 500l. *per Ann.* to his Siſter the Counteſs of *Eſſex*, during her natural Life; a Legacy of 500l. to the Hon. *Charles Fielding*, Eſq; Brother to the Earl of *Denbigh*; a handſome Legacy to Capt. *Bluidworth*, and Legacies to all his particular Friends and Companions; and diſcharg'd all Debts of Honour whatever, that were due to him on Account of Play, *&c.*

On Wedneſday laſt was held a General Court of the *York Buildings* Company, when the Accounts required by the laſt General Court were laid before them, and the Gentlemen appointed Truſtees for the Bonds, Seal, and Calls, were unanimouſly deſired, with five other Gentlemen, (any five of them to be a Quorum) to examine the ſaid Accounts, and report the true State of the Company's Affairs and Debt, in order to provide for Payment of the ſame.

The annual Commemoration of Queen *Elizabeth's* Acceſſion with the Re-Eſtabliſhment of the *Proteſtant* Religion, was, according to Cuſtom, particularly ſolemniz'd at *Chriſt Church* this Day, by a Sermon on that Subject, to the Governors of *Chriſt's-Hoſpital*, on which Occaſion the Children of that Hoſpital ſung an Anthem in the Church. The glorious Memory of that *Proteſtant* Princeſs uſed formerly to be celebrated every Year, on her Acceſſion Day, by firing the *Tower* Guns; the Diſcontinuance of which Practice began in 1702, being a hundred Years after her Death; when her Memory was nevertheleſs further honoured by Queen *Ann's* taking her Motto *Semper Eadem*.

The Lords of the Admiralty have been pleaſed to increaſe the Salaries to the Clerks belonging to his Majeſty's Dock Yards.

Commitment. On Wedneſday laſt the *Dartford* Stage-Coach was ſtopt by a Highwayman near *Shooter's-Hill*, who robbed the Paſſengers of a conſiderable Sum of Money. And Yeſterday Morning the Coachman and a *Black* who was behind it when robo'd, were walking over *London-Bridge* to return home, met the Robber on Horſeback, and both of them knowing him again, ſeized him, and carrying him before Sir *Rich. Brocas*, and ſwearing the Robbery poſitively againſt him, he was committed to *Newgate*, in order to be ſent to *Maidſtone* Goal, to be tried there the next Aſſizes.

Preferments. Yeſterday was held a Chapter of the Dean and Collegiate Church of St. *Peter's Weſtminſter*, at the *Jeruſalem Chamber*, when they were pleaſed to appoint the Rev. Dr. *Bundy*, one of the Prebendaries of the ſaid Cathedral, and one of his Majeſty's Chaplains, to be Rector of St. *Bride's*, in the room of the Rev. Mr. *Evans*, lately deceaſed.——The Rev. Mr. *John Gwyn* was lately preſented by the Lord Biſhop of St. *David's*, to the Vicarage of *Lanvihangel Glynn*, in the Diocele aforeſaid, void by the Death of the Rev. Mr. *Penny*, the laſt Incumbent.

Deaths. On Wedneſday laſt died Mr. *John Preſton*, Brother to the late Alderman of that Name. —— On Monday laſt died *Cataline Thorogood*, Eſq; formerly Chief Factor to the *South-Sea* Company at *La Vera Cruz* and *Porto Bello*.——On Wedneſday in the Evening died, at his Houſe at *Woodford*, Capt. *Jackſon*, an old experienc'd Officer in the Navy.

High Water at *London-Bridge*, Saturday the 18th of *Nov.* 11 56 in the Morning, and 12 in the Afternoon.

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The Price of Ballaſt within the River of *Thames* is 9d. *per* Ton to Ships employed in the Coal-Trade; 12d. *per* Ton to all other *Britiſh* Ships, and 16d. to foreign Ships; and no farther Payment is allowed by the Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants of *Trinity-Houſe*.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Arrived at Jamaica the New London, Dover; Royal-Exchange, Talbot, from *London*. *Arrived at Smyrna* the Thames, Liſle, from *London*.

Legborn, Nov. 8. *Arrived* Bacchus, Davidſon, from *Aberdeen*; Content, Johnſon, *New-York*; Waitworth, Safe; Lucy, Wood, *London*; Wiltſhire, Adams; Abraham and Arthur, Bray, *Newfoundland*; Friendſhip, Biſhop, *Hamburgh*. The Crown, Gallop, *was ſeen off this Place well Yeſterday*.

Barcelona, Nov. 9. *Arrived* Greyhound, Harriſon; Hopeſtill, Roberts, from *England*; Providence, Rooke; Phœnix, Stavely, *Newfoundland*.

Alicant, June 5. *Arrived* Ayles, Wadham; Norton, Ballihacke; Lymington, Skutt; John and Elizabeth, Paul; Thomas, Robins; Robert, Clark; Prince of Wales, Leviſcant; Two Marys, Gover; Carolina, Skampton; Grace, Chappell; Margaret, Hicks; Friendſhip, Fortune; Three Siſters, Phillips; Dolly, Fague; Sukey, Orſmond; Neptune, Wheeler, from *Newfoundland*; Valentia-Packet, Watſon; Catherine, Warwick; Freight, Sullivan; Lyon, Talbot; St. Joſeph, Claria; Samuel, Harper; St. John Baptiſt, Harvey; Archer, Archea, the *Streights*.

Cadiz, Nov. 4. *Arrived* Adventure, Le Cras; Swallow, Yeo; Pleaſant, Power; Fleece, Brooks, from *Newfoundland*; Mahon, Jones; Banſtead, Showers; Speedwell, Bennet, *England*; Finch, Coffin, *Guinea*; Cautious, Biggs; Marqueſs, Pike, *Hamburgh*.

HOME PORTS.

Liverpool, Nov. 10. *Arrived* James, Leatherhead, from *Virginia*.

Whitehaven, Nov. 8. *Arrived* Diligence, Dixon, from *Virginia*.

Briſtol, Nov. 11. *Arrived* Ann, Protheroſon, from *Jamaica*.

Falmouth, Nov. 11. *Arrived* Townſhend, Cooper, from *Corunna*; Hawke, King's Sloop, from the *Weſtward*. *Sailed* Expedition, Clies, for *Lisbon*.

Plymouth, Nov. 12. *Arrived* Betty, Shaxton, from *Dunkirk*; Expedition, Kerby, *Hamburgh*; Guinea, Steuens, *Oporto*; Betty, Harman, *Riga*; Whitaker, Cobb; Phœnix, Lux, *Virginia*; Dolphin, Broomer, *Amſterdam*.

Dartmouth, Nov. 10. *Arrived* Suſanna, Hubert, from *Virginia*.

Exmouth, Nov. 11. *Arrived* Sarah, Burford, Owner's Goodwill, Brent, from *Lymington*; Providence, Duke, *Cheſter*; Mary, Ceeley, *Bilboa*; Adventure, Spiring, *Oporto*; George, Tindal, *St. Euſtatia*; Ann, Skinner; Williams, Traver, *Hamburgh*; John and Elizabeth, Ridge, *Bremen*; Bromfield's Betty, Hemtris, *Norway*; Three Siſters, Cook; Mary, Beavis; Mary, Filmore; Greyhound, Thomas; Loyal Mary, Mitchel; Somerſet, Sweetland; Phillcroy, Showers, *Newfoundland*.

Deal, Nov. 15. *Sailed* Roſe, Boyde; Elizabeth, Duce; Sarah, Howes; Otley, Beach, for the *Weſt-Indies*; Sarah, Wilſon; Amerſham, Munday; Margaret, Whiſtler, *Guinea*; Goodfellow, Saunders, *Legborn*; Sally, Harman, *Carolina*; Fanny, Glover; Lisbon Packet, Hancock, *Lisbon*; Lovely Mary, Fitzgerald, *Canaries*; Dolphin, Alder, *New-England*; and ſome others not known. Wind *Nov.* 9, 10 E. 11. ESE. 12 Calm. 13 ESE. 14 ESE. 15 N.

Graveſend, Nov. 14. *Arrived* Abbot, Horſley; Friend's-Adventure, Goatley; Falcon, Trumbal; Endeavour, Hartley; John and Catherine, Horſley; John and Elizabeth, Spencer; Lyon, Sollet; London Poſt, Wooſie; Ufro Margarette, De Witt; Lady Elizabeth, Vink; Henry, Houſton; Page, Griffin, *from Holland and the Northward*. Duke of Charos, Pepper; Four Friends, Judgſon; Mary, Gilbey, *France*.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Amſterdam, Nov. 21. N. S.

LETTERS from *Paris* of the 14th ſay, that the final Accommodation between King and Parliament was made at *Fountainebleau* on the 9th preceding, after an extraordinary Council held for that Purpoſe: That next Day Cardinal *de Fleury* ſent for the firſt Preſident, the Procurator, and Advocate General, and gave them Notice thereof; upon which the firſt Preſident made an excellent Speech by Way of Thanks to his Eminency: Soon after the Letters of Repeal were diſpatch'd to the exil'd Members, and the Opening of the Parliament fix'd to the 1ſt of *December* next: That a Report alſo was current, that the ſaid Accommodation will be follow'd by a Declaration from the King, whereby to ſettle the Cognizance of Appeals for the future, and confirm the Parliament in all its Rights and Privileges, that it may be henceforth enabled to maintain the ſeparate Authority of the *Gallican* Church, free from the Encroachments of the Court of *Rome*: That in ſhort, this favourable Turn of domeſtick Affairs had cauſed an univerſal Joy throughout *Paris*. They write from *Francfort*, that Count *Koffſtein*, *Imperial* Plenipotentiary, has Orders to tarry there till the Return of another Expreſs from *Vienna*, with Regard to his late Negotiations which have met with Obſtacles at the Court of the Elector *Palatine*.

Legborn, Nov. 1. N. S. It is confirmed, that the King of *Sardinia* cauſes additional Fortifications to be made to *Oneglia*.

Venice, Nov. 8. N. S. Signor *Sebaſtian Vendramini*, late General of the Republicks Troops in *Dalmatia*, arrived here from thence on Saturday laſt, and went to the *Old Lazaret*, in order to perform the uſual Quarentine. They write from *Conſtantinople*, that the peſtilential Diſtemper in that Capital was daily increaſing.

Hague, Oct. 23. The *Imperial* Court ſeems at preſent not to be over nice in their Manner of treating that of *Seville*. After the holding of a Cabinet Council, on Purpoſe to take the Demands of the Infant *Don Carlos* into Conſideration, the Emperor has made a Decree, or rather a Reſcript to that Prince's Guardians, wherein his

Imperial Majesty expresses his Concern, that in the full Powers given to those who are entrusted with the Infant's Affairs at *Vienna*, he assumes the Title of *Magnus Princeps Etruriæ*; which is the more surprizing to his *Imperial* Majesty, because none but himself has a Right to confer that Title, neither can the Infant assume it, or receive it from any Person whatsoever: And therefore his *Imperial* Majesty insists, that the Title of *Magnus Princeps Etruriæ* be erased out of the said full Powers. Afterwards, without taking any Notice of the Dispensation of Age, which there appears no Disposition to grant, his *Imperial* Majesty declares, that he will not give the actual Investiture to the Infant, till he has performed all the *Requisita* to which the Vassals of the Empire are engaged, *&c. alia.* These last two Words seem to be artfully inserted, because they may be made to comprehend any Thing that is thought proper: Whereas it is urged on the Part of the Infant, that the Emperor gave him a Right to the Title of *Great Prince of Tuscany*, when his *Imperial* Majesty granted him the Eventual Investiture, the Act whereof was delivered to the Ministers of a certain Crowned Head at *Cambray*; for by that Act the said Prince is recognized in the Quality of presumptive Heir to the Great Duke, and may consequently bear the Title he has taken, of *Presumptive Heir to Tuscany*, which is synonymous with that of *Great Prince*. Upon the whole Matter, there is little Likelihood of *Don Carlos*'s conceding to the Emperor in this Point; and therefore if *Spain* were sure of being backed by *France*, no Body can say where this Dispute would end.

The States of *Holland*, who are now met, have under Consideration the Reduction of the Forces of the State, which while some look upon as certain, and that it will lessen the Army by 8 or 1000 Men, others are doubtful whether it will take Place or not. However, if it should, we shall have this Satisfaction, That their High-Mightinesses have a good Opinion of the present Face of Affairs, and confide in a firm and lasting Peace: But if the same should happen to be broke, they need not apprehend the Want of Forces, so long as there is no Fear of wanting Money: And that is so far from being our Case, that the Lowering of Interest abroad has caused an Inundation of it here; insomuch that the Opulent hardly know what to do with their Riches.

The *French* seem to triumph in every little Misunderstanding that happens between the *Spaniards* and any other Nation, with Regard to Trade and Navigation, and are now and then building Castles in the Air upon that Account; but we do not find they come to any Thing.

The *Spaniards* are arming, no Body knows for what; but as for the King's Abdication, so often mentioned in the Papers, all our Letters from *Seville* agree, that it will not take Place.

Rome, Nov. 1. N. S. We have Advice that the Princess of the *Austria*'s is with Child. The Pontiff having sent a Brief to the Emperor, containing heavy Complaints against the Demeanour of the Court of *Turin* towards the Holy See, his *Imperial* Majesty thereupon wrote to the King of *Sardinia*, which had that Effect, that the said King caused those Persons to be set at Liberty, who were detained in Prison on Account of the Correspondence they held with this Court; and his Holiness, we hear, designs to send a Nuncio to the *Sardinian* Court, in order to conclude an amicable Accommodation.

Leghorn, Nov. 1. N. S. The Republick of *Genoa* seems not a little concerned at the Emperor's Answer concerning the four Chiefs of the *Corsicans* lately in Rebellion against them in *Corsica*; and to aggravate their Consternation, the *Imperial* Auxiliaries sent thither to reduce the said Rebels to their former Allegiance, continue still in that Island, and are like to take up their Winter-Quarters there, if not (as it is whispered) to form some Pretensions upon the same, which may discontent the Measures the said Republick is endeavouring to take with the Inhabitants of that Island. They write from our Frontiers, that the last Tempest there had occasioned a sudden Overflowing of the Waters, whereby some Persons were drowned in the Church of *Lauda*, while Mass was celebrating; and that all that Neighbourhood suffered considerable Damage, particularly at *Pontremoli*, where several Dwellings and the Church of *S. Sebastian* were washed away, and divers Persons destroyed.

Villa Nova, Oct. 27. We find by repeated Advices from *Oran*, that the *Moors* are peremptorily bent on recovering the Place with the formidable Army they have already before it, and the new Reinforcements which daily arrive in their Camp, they go on incessantly with raising new Works: They have built two Forts, and mounted each with four Cannon of 36 and 40 Pound Ball; with these they play without ceasing, as well as from the Place call'd *la Mesquee*, from whence they throw also Bombs and Grenades, but as yet with little or no Success. What fatigues our Troops unmercifully is, that they are obliged to keep Night and Day in constant Motion, by Reason of the frequent Attacks made by the Enemy in different Places, who are become so numerous, that the great Slaughter we make in every Salley has no Effect upon them. On the 30th past they came in open Body, and cut off the Communication of *Fort St. Philip* before our Faces: Upon this the Grenadiers and Dragoons belonging to the Garrison sally'd and did Wonders; after an obstinate Resistance, they obliged the Enemy to retire and forsake several Colours: 'Tis reckon'd they lost in that Action at least 1600, besides the wounded; the *Spaniards* are said to come off with not above eight killed and some wounded. This enraged them so far, that on the 2d Instant they attack'd the Fort of *Santa Cruz*, with a vast Number, and having a Mine ready to set fire, they came even up to the Draw-Bridge with hideous Outcries; upon which the Garrison made a terrible Fire upon them, and Part of the Garrison belonging to the Town making a joint Salley with that of the Fort, killed at least 1700 on the Spot, besides the wounded. The *Moors* no sooner quitted Ground but set Fire to the Mine; it was a Providence the Mine did no more Harm than split Part of the Rock, and throw up some Earth. After this, they resum'd a Resolution to make themselves Masters of the Fort of *Santa Cruz*, which indeed commands the Place, and accordingly came and cut off the Communication of that Fort with the Town, and planted a large Body of Troops to keep Possession: Here the Garrison found themselves much restrain'd, and in a Manner block'd up; they resolv'd thereon to relieve the Fort on the 4th Instant, and altho' the *Spaniards* succeeded in their Attempt, and kill'd above 1500 *Moors*, they behaved so bravely, that we had at least 400 kill'd on our Side, and 18 Officers, with a great many wounded. The Marquis *de Santa Cruz* immediately dispatch'd some Vessels upon it for a speedy Succour of Troops, Ammunition and Provisions, *&c.* which are actually embarking in several Ports for that Purpose, and Part thereof probably arrived by this Time at *Oran*: At the same Time the Court gave Orders for two Galleys in the *Streights* and those at *Barcelona* to pass over to *Oran* with all Expedition, and course about the Sea-Coast. After a Council of War held on board the Ships under the Command of Count *Desben*, a second Battalion was embark'd, and all the Vessels ready were dispatch'd in all Haste with Ammunition, *&c.* There are gone besides four Companies of the Walloon Guards, four of the *Spanish* Guards, two *Swiss* Battalions, two of *Castelbar*, and two of *Leon*, 24 Carriages of Ordinance of 24 Pound Ball, 16 of 16, and 12 of 12 Pounders, with 6000 Bullets, *&c.*

Paris, Nov. 22. N. S. Letters from *Madrid* of the 4th mention Advice from *Carthagena*, that the first Reinforcement sent thence for *Oran* was safe arrived; that notwithstanding the *Infidels* were repuls'd in their Attacks of *Fort St. Philip* and *Santa Cruz* with a very great Loss, they have resolutely attack'd again both Forts together, and seal'd the first, but were driven back the second Time, after a sharp Engagement; and that the Governour waited only for the Succours order'd from *Barcelona*, *Alicant*, *Carthagena*, and *Valencia*, to march out and attack them in their Camp.

The King of *Spain* being inform'd that certain *Christian* Vessels supply'd the *Infidels* with Ammunition and Provisions, has order'd nine Men of War to arm forthwith, and cruize upon the Coast of *Barbary*.

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